

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No, I should not be forced to have a test before purchasing hearing aid. I have been wearing them for 50 yrs. and know exactly what I need. I need to try it out in all & every kind of situation - in my home, and not be pressured by salesmen. If the exam is required FDA should pay & pay for transportation.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

Many older people are unable to drive. Just now I'm having trouble getting a refund for a hearing aid that I bought from an audiologist which I returned to her immediately. She kept \$250.00 for over ~~2~~ two months and I only have a promise now that it is credited to my Visa card,

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Absolutely not.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

absolutely Yes! Excell of 105 N. First St. P.O. Box 586 De Kalb Ill. 60115 has saved me a great amount of money while treating me honestly & fairly in all my dealings - being able to purchase by mail is the right of all citizens. When our hearing aids are broken we are not able to telephone or drive - we need to be able to get them by mail.

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